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### New hand takes helm of Brooks City-Base

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The Brooks Development Authority has picked a Michigan economic development executive to lead Brooks City-Base.

The authority, which owns Brooks City-Base and oversees development of the South Side technology and research park, has picked Donald Jakeway as its new chief executive officer. Jakeway will start March 20.

Brooks Development Authority's former director, Tom Rumora, took a job with a private-sector company in Michigan in September.

"Donald Jakeway is an ideal choice to lead City-Base forward as he has successfully led major economic development efforts across the country, including the redevelopment of former military bases," Howard Peak, the authority's board president, said in a statement.

Brooks City-Base was founded in 1917 as Brooks Field and later was renamed Brooks AFB. Efforts to convert the base to a technology and research park began in 2001.

Jakeway previously headed the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a \$100 million public/private partnership. He also is a former director of the Ohio Department of Development. During his tenure there, "Site Selection Magazine" named the department one of the top 10 development agencies in the world.

While in Ohio, Jakeway also worked with Bruce Miller, president and CEO of the Port of San Antonio, formerly Kelly AFB.

Jakeway graduated from college with plans to become a teacher, but a job with Proctor & Gamble sparked his interest in economic development.

"That's where I got the marketing and communication knowledge to know how to go after target customers," he said.

Ramiro Cavazos, the city's economic development director, said Jakeway's selection as CEO will take Brooks City-Base to the next level.

"It's necessary to get somebody in there to continue the expansion that's occurred in the southern part of the city," he said. "It's great news that there's a new leader in town."

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### Supplemental bill contains less than requested for Gulf Coast

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By Peter Cohn, [CongressDaily](#)

The House Appropriations Committee would fund post-hurricane Gulf Coast rebuilding efforts at \$19 billion, as part of its \$91 billion total fiscal 2006 supplemental package scheduled for a Wednesday markup. That is a \$713 million decrease from President Bush's \$19.8 billion request, and it comes on top of \$87 billion already appropriated. The major reductions come in shipbuilding, repairs to military facilities and housing vouchers, while the Coast Guard would see a slight increase. The administration requested no funding for NASA, but appropriators included \$30 million to repair the agency's damaged facilities, as well as \$20 million the White House did not request to clean up national forests.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster relief fund would receive the full \$9.4 billion in the request, replenishing funds that were rescinded to help pay for \$29 billion in hurricane aid approved late last year. The Army Corps of Engineers is in line for the full \$1.36 billion request to rebuild New Orleans levees, but with one major condition: The funding must be authorized by the committees with jurisdiction. Community Development Block Grants administered by HUD would be fully funded at \$4.2 billion but would not be earmarked for Louisiana, as in the Bush request.

According to the report accompanying the bill, the funding would be available for "any declared disaster area related to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita or Wilma." Texas lawmakers had been chafing that none of the funds were designated for their state. The bill does not provide \$202 million for HUD housing vouchers, requested by the White House for 44,000 families that were in assisted housing or homeless before the storms hit. The Small Business Administration is fully funded at \$1.3 billion, although the report notes concern with "dramatic fluctuations" in funding estimates needed to support disaster loans, culminating with an embarrassing shortfall revealed just before the Presidents Day recess that required an emergency cash infusion from Congress.

The bill directs SBA to cut its loan application backlog in half within 45 days of enactment. The bill cuts \$250 million from the Bush request for repairs to Gulf Coast shipyards, to \$775.2 million. The report notes that \$1.7 billion is available, included in the fiscal 2006 Defense spending bill that contained the \$29 billion hurricane relief package.

"While acknowledging the substantial impact to Navy programs from these hurricanes, the committee believes the total budgetary resources are far from clear at this time" and that private insurance claims have not yet been resolved, the report states. **Pentagon facility repair funding would be cut by \$320.3 million, eliminating funds for Navy and Air Force base exchanges at Gulfport and Keesler facilities in Mississippi and construction of two Army National Guard facilities at Louisiana's Jackson Barracks.** The bill would provide \$550 million for construction of a new VA hospital in New Orleans, a \$50 million cut from the request.

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## Georgia airman who died at Fort Bliss had hantavirus

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A Georgia airman who died earlier this month at Fort Bliss had hantavirus, a U.S. Air Force official confirmed Tuesday.

Senior Airman Leonard Hankerson Jr., 24, a security forces patrolman assigned to the 56th Security Forces Squadron at Luke Air Force Base in Glendale, Ariz., died Feb. 11 at William Beaumont Army Hospital in El Paso. Lt. Col. John Paradis, a Luke Air Force Base spokesman, said autopsy results confirmed last week that Hankerson had the disease transmitted from rodents through urine, droppings or saliva.

Hankerson was at Fort Bliss training to deploy to Iraq when he became ill.

Paradis said it is unclear how or where Hankerson contracted hantavirus. No other Luke Air Force Base airmen have been diagnosed with the disease, Paradis said.

Fort Bliss officials have started cleaning barracks and other locations where Hankerson spent time while at the post to help prevent the virus' spread. Paradis said the Air Force also was trying to help locate the source of Hankerson's infection.

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### Colleges can't bar military recruiters

Unanimous court  
allows access to  
campus job fairs.

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HEARST NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON — In a significant victory for the armed forces, the Supreme Court ruled Monday that universities that get federal dollars cannot bar military recruiters from their campuses.

The Supreme Court's 8-0 decision upholds a federal law — known as the Solomon amendment, after its author,

late Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y. — that allows the government to cut off funding to any school that blocks military recruiters from having equal "access to campuses and students" enjoyed by other would-be employers.

At issue is more than \$35 billion in federal money that goes to universities each year in grants for scientific research and government contracts.

Student aid is not affected by the law.

Writing for the court, Chief Justice John Roberts said Congress was well within its

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### Justices rule for GI recruiters

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"power of the purse" when it placed the recruiting requirement on universities that accept federal money.

"The Solomon Amendment gives universities a choice: Either allow military recruiters the same access to students afforded any other recruiter or forgo certain federal funds," Roberts said.

Many of the nation's law schools closed their doors to military recruiters because they object to the "Don't ask, don't tell" policy of excluding openly gay service members.

A group of more than 30 law schools challenged the Solomon amendment and argued that giving equal access to military recruiters would violate the schools' policies against discrimination.

The schools also argued that the statute violated their First Amendment rights by compelling universities to endorse a discriminatory message with which they do not agree.

The Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit, in Philadelphia, sided with the schools in 2004 and agreed that the statute effectively restricted their free speech. But the Supreme Court disagreed.

"The Solomon Amendment

#### THE COURT ALSO:

- Agreed to clarify when inmates can file civil rights lawsuits contesting prison conditions.

- Refused to consider whether top judge in Illinois improperly voted to throw out \$1 billion judgment against State Farm after accepting campaign donations from company lawyers and executives.

- Declined to consider making it harder for grandparents to win visitation rights.

- Rejected appeal from an Algerian family convicted in an elaborate scheme to stay in U.S.

- Refused to hear a challenge to a statue at a Kansas college depicting a clergyman with a bishop's headdress that angered some Catholics because of its phallic appearance.

— Associated Press

neither limits what law schools may say nor requires them to say anything," Roberts wrote for the court.

"Law schools remain free under the statute to express

whatever views they may have on the military's congressionally mandated employment policy, all the while retaining eligibility for federal funds."

For instance, Roberts noted, the federal government has already conceded that law schools could organize protests against the military recruiters or post signs taking aim at the "Don't ask, don't tell" policy.

The decision is in line with a recent trend by the Supreme Court of giving Congress wide latitude to use its "power of the purse" to impose conditions on states and other entities that receive federal dollars.

Monday's decision ends a long-running dispute over military recruiting on college campuses — and it comes as the Pentagon struggles to sign up new service members during wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said the Supreme Court's ruling would ensure the military would continue to "have the ability to recruit the best and brightest young men and women to serve in our nation's armed forces."

Newly installed Justice Samuel Alito, who was not on the Supreme Court when the case was argued last December, did not participate in the ruling.

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